

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect without traverse the invention defined by the Examiner as Embodiment I, described at least from page 15-page 29 and shown at least in Figs. 2-4.


Pursuant to the sub-requirement set forth on page 3 of the Office Action, the Applicants elect claims 1-5 for prosecution.

The Applicants make these elections without traverse, but make no admission as to the propriety of the Restriction Requirement. In this regard, the Applicants note that claims 12-13 belong to the elected invention, claim 12 has been canceled with its subject matter added to claim 13, and claims 6-11 have been canceled outright. Therefore, the Restriction Requirement is dissolved and the Applicants request examination of claims 1-5 and 13. §

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-378).

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